

## Dakota Soda

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**To:** Dakota Soda  
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**Subject:** MI SB1040

The Great Lakes Military Vehicle Preservation Association, a 5031(c)3 not for profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Historical Military Vehicles, respectfully request your timely consideration of MI SB1040 which has recently passed the Senate.

Recent policy changes by State of Michigan /SOS have resulted in the owners of certain (otherwise legal) motor vehicles being denied registration. We, the undersigned, respectfully request that you consider cosponsoring or supporting needed legislation to clarify State of Michigan law and to ensure proper titling and on-road registration of certain government-surplus former military vehicles, which State of Michigan & State of Michigan/SOS] is currently refusing to register. Primarily, but not limited to the AM General HMMWV vehicles.

These Motor Vehicles were designed and intended to carry people safely and equipment to their destinations, typically via pubic roads. When they were subsequently resold to civilian buyers with the same intent, those buyers received paperwork which authorized titling (US Govt. form SF-97). They include such recognizable models as Jeeps, Blazers, and Impalas. This legislation would recognize that these vehicles with an unrestricted SF-97 or a clear and valid title were intended for on-road operation when they were resold to the public, and clarify that they can be registered in the State of Michigan.

We are not proposing registration for illegal nor unsafe vehicles, in fact, quite the contrary. Most of the vehicles described by this legislation have been previously determined by a Wisconsin Appeal court ruling (DOA # TR-11-0016) to have been built to meet equipment standards which are equivalent to U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). Some were manufactured prior to FMVSS, but every vehicle within the scope of this legislation would be required to meet all applicable state equipment standards for on-road registration. We believe that vehicles which meet these state standards and are in good repair deserve to be eligible for registration.

This is not a partisan issue it's one that effects people of all persuasions. For many, these Motor Vehicles represent a slice of our country's history, and are thus often sought by collectors. Some people buy them because they are cheaper than buying new. Yet other owners value their practical aspects and find them to be indispensable vehicles for the logging, construction and agricultural industries. There are owners among your constituents. Recognizing the need, and following the above mentioned Wisconsin appeal court ruling, many states have taken steps to protect the registration rights for owners of these vehicles. North Carolina, Oregon and Wisconsin have already enacted laws to this effect. Currently there are similar bills before the legislatures in Hawaii, Kentucky and Virginia.

Importantly, no federal law prohibits their registration.

We sincerely hope you will appreciate the need for action, and ask that you stand with us for these owner's rights.

Respectfully,

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